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SUBJECT: NATIONAL MACHINE TOOL BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION  
(NMTBA)

REF: STATE 175912

1. NMTBA DIRECTOR DAVID BONNAR HAD VERY ACTIVE 36 HOUR VISIT IN BAGHDAD AUGUST 15/15. HE CALLED ON DG OF STATE MACHINERY IMPORT COMPANY (SMIC); MINISTRY OF ECONOMY; MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY; AND ON DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT SALAH KACHACHI OF MINISTRY OF PLANNING.
2. RE TRADE MISSION; BONNAR RECEIVED CAUTIOUS AND EQUIVOCAL RESPONSES FROM EVERYONE BUT KACHACHI. KACHACHI WELCOMED MISSION AND SAID HE WOULD HELP ORGANIZE IT AND THAT FEBRUARY OR MARCH OF 1975 WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TIME.
3. I TOLD BONNAR HE SHOULD TAKE KACHACHI STATEMENTS WITH GRAIN OF SALT, AND THAT THUS FAR GOI HAS SHUNNED ALL OVER ACTS RELATING TO COMMERCIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH U.S. I CITED REFUSAL TO PERMIT INDIVIDUAL AMERICAN FIRMS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS YEAR'S BAGHDAD FAIR AND TOLD HIM I THOUGHT AUTHORIZATION FOR TRADE MISSION WOULD HAVE TO COME FROM HIGH LEVEL OF GOI BEFORE INDIVIDUAL MINISTRIES WOULD ASSIST IN ARRANGING PROGRAM. SUCH AUTHORIZATION SHOULD BE IN HAND BEFORE  
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MUCH EFFORT IS EXPENDED. IF AND WHEN AUTHORIZATION IS GRANTED,

I CONSIDER IT ESSENTIAL THAT A NMTBA REPRESENTATIVE RETURN  
AT EARLY STAGE TO PROGRAM MISSION. IF NMTBA WOULD LIKE USINT  
TO SEEK AUTHORIZATION THROUGH MFA ON ITS  
BEHALF, WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO DO SO. LOWRIE

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